



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **CANCELLED – WILL RESUME JULY 16, 2006**

### **ROUTE 14 TO CLOSE AT ESCONDIDO CANYON**

**SANTA CLARITA** – The California Department of Transportation will close the Antelope Valley Freeway (Route 14) in both directions at Escondido Canyon Road near the city of Santa Clarita on Sunday, July 9.

Southbound Route 14 will be closed from 4 a.m. to 9 a.m. Northbound Route 14 will be closed from 5 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Closures and detours will be posted on electronic message signs. The California Highway Patrol will assist with traffic management at the site.

The closure is in relation to a slope stabilization project above Route 14 between Soledad Canyon Road and Escondido Canyon Road. The \$12.6 million project involves cutting back the slope and installing retention systems using cable net or wire mesh.

This closure will recur every Sunday for approximately three months.

Estimated to complete in spring 2008, the project will increase hillside stability, protect the roadway and improve safety.

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